

POPULATION GAIN QUALIFIES CITY FOR LOCAL MUNICIPAL COURT

'Kottages Not Krappy'

Charges Denied By Developer



EVERY BIT HELPS—EVERYONE PROFITS . . . The Girl Scouts are one of the 164 health and welfare services supported by the Community Chest. A \$2000 contribution coming from Del Amo Estates this week brought Torrance up to 98 per cent of its Community Chest goal for this year. Seen in the picture is Torrance Troop 1293; Carla Osterlind, pianist; Danna Olsen, seated; (l-r) Jan Planz, Judy Clements, and Janice Jackson.

CITY MAKES LOCAL COURT 1st OBJECTIVE

Now that Torrance's population is definitely established as over 40,000, a concerted effort will be made to obtain a municipal court for the city of Torrance.

"Getting a municipal court for Torrance is our number one objective now," City Manager George Stevens declared this week. "We shall begin action as soon as our new 44,902 census figure is officially acknowledged by Washington."

Under the court reorganization voted here two years ago, any city over 40,000 population is entitled to a municipal court.

Favorable Factors

While there are a few hurdles which still have to be jumped, City Manager George Stevens said that there are various factors now which represent powerful arguments in favor of a local court and make the establishment of such a court practically inevitable.

Two favorable factors are definite now, the city manager remarked. Torrance's population is in excess of 40,000.

The other factor is that of the tremendous expansion constantly taking place. Within less than two years Torrance's population increased 41 per cent. Since 1950 the population has actually more than doubled. There is nothing that would seek to arrest the city's growth, and Stevens expects the population to rise to 70,000 in a few more years.

These facts are unparalleled in the South Bay area. Torrance is rapidly developing into one of the great population

Chest Gets \$2000 Gift; 98% Reached

"To this date we have solicited \$14,672 of our \$14,899 Community Chest goal for a 98.48 per cent of our quota," Tommy Thompson, city chairman announced.

"Part of the credit for Torrance reaching the 98.48 per cent mark, goes to the Del Amo Estates, a well-known company in our community, who contributed \$2000 to this year's campaign. This \$2000 received this week, puts us well over the 90 per cent mark."

Harbor Area totals show that the area in search of \$82,664 have solicited \$62,696 for it for a 74.4 per cent of the goal.

The latest report from Mayor Toll, over-all Campaign Chairman, is that he has called a meeting of the Community Chest's top leadership for Monday morning to set the date for

Complaints Satisfied Promptly

Charges brought against the quality of the homes constructed by Watt Development Company were vigorously denied this week by a spokesman for the firm.

Accusations brought against the company by the Civic Association of North Torrance which appeared before the City Council were labeled as the outbursts of a few disgruntled individuals rather than the majority opinion of those who had bought homes from the company, according to Hugh Temple.

Temple said that 50% of the people in the tract at 176th St. and Prairie came to him after the controversy with the company had been made public through this newspaper and that 90% of that group expressed satisfaction with their homes. The spokesman also denied that the company had remained indifferent to the grievances

RESULTS!

From Rugs To Real Estate

The Torrance Press has proven itself quite successful in selling green carpets and finding orange male cats named Sandy through the Torrance Press classified section.

But it is equally successful in selling homes for real estate offices.

Harry Peterson, of Home Loan Realty, 2475 Torrance Blvd., placed the following ad with the Torrance Press:

OUTSTANDING BUY
Near Plaza del Amo & Cabrillo is the location of this 3-bdrm. bungalow in excellent condition. Has fir, furn. with thermostat control, plaster walls, large kitchen with dining area, service porch, big garage and workshop, fenced yard. Priced to sell \$8,000, \$2500 dn. or \$7,200 all cash.

HOME LOAN REALTY
2475 Torrance Blvd.
FAirfax 8-6574

The house was sold directly from this ad. Quite a few people came to inquire about the ad and other real estate values.

If you want to sell something, tell people about it—by placing your ad with the Torrance Press.

RARE 'BIRD' LANDS ON TORRANCE AIRPORT

"This completes it," "Sarge" C. P. Claunch said as he stepped out of the twin-engine Langley at Torrance airport Thursday. "People always say Los Angeles has everything. This is the only plane of its kind not only in America but in the whole world. Los Angeles has every other kind of plane and now we've got 'em all."

Earl S. Samsel bought the plane to provide low-cost multiple-engine ratings to local pilots.

Center of Attraction
"It was a wonderful trip," "Sarge", who is 30 and lives in Los Angeles, said. "In any other plane it wouldn't have been, because nobody would have paid any attention to us. But this was fun. Everybody came to see us—from control tower operators to big business men and company pilots. Word just kept spreading ahead of

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Two hours parking areas were also announced. Streets which will be affected are El Prado from Cravens to Carson (on the home property side of the street) and Marcelina from Cravens to Arlington.

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Workable Water Plan Outlined

Fluoridated Water On Voluntary Basis

As a result of an editorial appearing in last week's edition of the Torrance Press, the community has been made aware of a vital issue now under study. The possibility of fluoridating the city's water supply has drawn numerous comments, including the reflections by Angus McVicar, superintendent of the Torrance municipal water department.

Boy, 13 Admits Thefts

A thirteen-year-old boy was arrested this week for a series of burglaries committed in North Torrance.

Following continuous denials and contradictions, the boy finally admitted responsibility for flooding and burglarizing the Kenneth Bloomfield home at 17224 Wilkie recently.

He also admitted stealing four rifles, one hunting knife, and \$64 in cash two weeks ago sometime during the day at the home of Henry Bowditch, 16926

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'Little Merchant Plan' Used For Press Distribution

Torrance Press carrier boys are in business for themselves. They are given the newspapers, a delivery route, and the opportunity to develop habits of industry and responsibility.

When they stop at your door each month they are asking for a small sum in payment of their services. What they earn they keep. The sum you give them shows your appreciation of their careful service and is their compensation.

Each carrier is required to give a receipt for the sum you give him.

The amount you give them is optional. You are entitled to receive your copy of the Torrance Press regardless.

While questioning the advisability of fluoridating the whole city water supply, McVicar explained an alternate system which might be workable.

A committee of the Chamber of Commerce is presently investigating the pros and cons of water fluoridation for the city of Torrance. Water fluoridation has proven to be one of the effective means of combating tooth decay.

The plan which McVicar was willing to consider was making bottled fluoridated water available to all residents in this area who requested it.

The estimated cost to maintain four different water sources would cost a minimum of \$10,000 to \$20,000 at each location. Of the fourteen million gallons of water used by the city daily, only about 500 gallons a day are used by children, McVicar estimated.

Restricted Benefits
The superintendent maintained that the benefit of fluoridated water was restricted almost exclusively to children and that considerable money could be

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December 3 Xmas Edition

The Torrance Press will come out with a special yearly Christmas edition Thursday, December 3. There will be no edition appearing before then. Groups wishing special news and picture coverage in that edition should submit press releases by Monday, November 30 at the latest. Deadline for pictures is Saturday, November 28. Make your Christmas arrangements early!



Counting Our Blessings

Every day should be one of thanksgiving for those who live in America . . . for we enjoy blessings unreamed in other parts of the world!

The standard ideas which we commonly associate with Thanksgiving are turkeys, the arrival of the pilgrims, and the blessings of living in America.

But Thanksgiving Day can also have a much broader meaning.

It should remind us that for him who knows the meaning of happiness, every day represents a day of thanksgiving.

There are many things which constitute human happiness. We never possess all but we always possess some of these things.

Happiness is the art of counting our many blessings.

Thus Thanksgiving need not be a matter of the future nor of the past, but it is always a matter of the present.

Homeowners Band Together To Battle PV Operation

Aroused citizens of eight south bay cities have banded together to form "The South Bay Homeowners Association," for the purpose of presenting united protests against the plan to start another open pit dicalite mine on the Palos Verdes peninsula.

Among those present at the first meeting of the Association held Monday evening at the Rolling Hills primary school

were: Ernest J. Robinson, Torrance, president, Pacific Hills Homeowners Association, Walter; Jack Davidson, secretary, Rolling Hills Community Association; R. R. Graft of Hollywood Riviera; Julius L. Nelson, director, Dapplegray Lane Property Owners Association; Leonard Liloy, president, Lomita Chamber of Commerce; Mrs. Elaine Stewart, Palos Verdes; William Kinley, Long Beach; G. C. Merkle, Wilmington; Roland L. Amberg, chairman, Rolling Hills Anti-Mine Com.

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FURNITURE STORE OPENS HERE TODAY

Featuring a complete line of home furnishings and appliances, the Torrance Furniture Company will celebrate the grand opening of its spacious store today at 1255 Sartori next to the new Bank of America building on Sartori corner of Post.

Best Buys Possible

The owners have scoured the market to bring the best buys possible, stating that the high grade low-priced furniture will suit the most budget-minded people.

A particular attempt has been made to offer the biggest selection of children's furniture in the Harbor area as one of the store's outstanding features.

Parking will not be a problem for customers of the store since

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SCHOOL SITE LOST

School officials are upset this week because the Yukon site in North Torrance, which had been considered for the construction of an elementary school, will not be available for that purpose. This is the direction of the state highway, and has been changed so that the highway, which originally ran north of the site, will now cut straight through it.

The Yukon site in question is located at 182nd street and Yukon on the west.

Not only was the site one of the few available ones in the area, but it was ideally located, being in the center of the

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Cross-Walk; 2 Hour Limit

A pedestrian cross-walk will be put in from McCown to the A & P store on El Prado, Police Chief John Stroh announced this week.

Two hours parking areas were also announced. Streets which will be affected are El Prado from Cravens to Carson (on the home property side of the street) and Marcelina from Cravens to Arlington.

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ALMOST EXTINCT . . . This twin-engine Langley is the only kind in existence. "Sarge" C. P. Claunch, 30, and Les Paetz, 35, landed on Torrance Municipal airport Thursday after flying their all-plywood plane here from Maine. The pilots claim that the plane is twice as economical as any other multi-engine plane and the easiest plane to learn to fly.



ROLLING OUT THE CARPET . . . Torrance Furniture Co., corner Sartori and Post, will be open for business starting today. The store will feature a complete line of home furnishings and appliances as well as the biggest selection of children's furniture in the Harbor area. Owners are (l-r): Leonard Mills, Rod Marchand, and Baldwin.